



# Unveiling Extraordinary Africans

Impact Report 2018/2019





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# Welcome

Welcome to our 2018/19 report. I am proud to unveil our extraordinary students and alumni.

What I really admire about them all, is their resilience in the face of hardship, confidence, determination and maturity. They are a constant source of admiration and inspiration - their optimism is contagious. They are the reason I jump out of bed each morning and keep looking for ways to develop Our Moon, identify more opportunities for them and to attract funders.

2019 sees a new beginning for us with the formal acquisition and development of our land so that we can start bringing our programmes in house. Please visit our website [www.ourmoon.org.uk](http://www.ourmoon.org.uk) and our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ourmooneducation](http://www.facebook.com/ourmooneducation) to watch our progress.

Please help us unleash the potential in Zambia's bright and ambitious young people and break down the barriers that keep them trapped in poverty and unable to influence a brighter future for Zambia. (see page 18 for how to donate).

Helen Leale-Green MA  
CEO



## Our Vision & Mission

### VISION:

**A world where young people in Zambia are empowered to become socially-conscious leaders**

### MISSION:

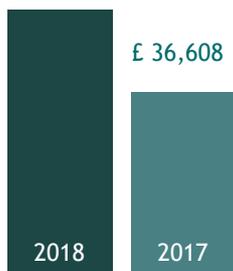
**Unleashing the potential in Zambia's young people, through education and personal guidance, to bring about positive social change**

# Statement of Financial Activities

## Income & Expenses: Growth 2017-2018

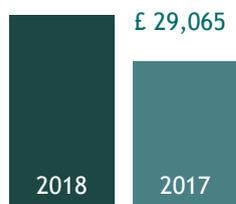
	Total Funds 2018	Total Funds 2017
	£	£
Income from Donations	52,356	38,608
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>52,356</b>	<b>38,608</b>
Expenditure on raising funds	925	1,915
Expenditure on charitable activities	36,128	24,939
Expenditure on support costs	1,645	2,211
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>38,698</b>	<b>29,065</b>
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>13,658</b>	<b>9,543</b>
Total Funds Brought Forward	13,666	4,123
Total Funds Carried Forward	27,324	13,666

£ 52,356



Income

£ 38,698



Expenses

£ 27,324



Total Funds

# Statement of Financial Activities

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
	£	£
Fixed Assets	4,960	-
Current Assets	24,773	23,552
Current Liabilities	2,409	9,886
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>22,364</b>	<b>13,666</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>27,324</b>	<b>13,666</b>
Represented by Income Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	13,874	10,537
Restricted Funds	13,450	3,129
<b>TOTAL INCOME FUNDS</b>	<b>27,324</b>	<b>13,666</b>

For more information, please see our Annual Accounts 2018 on our website [www.ourmoon.org.uk](http://www.ourmoon.org.uk)

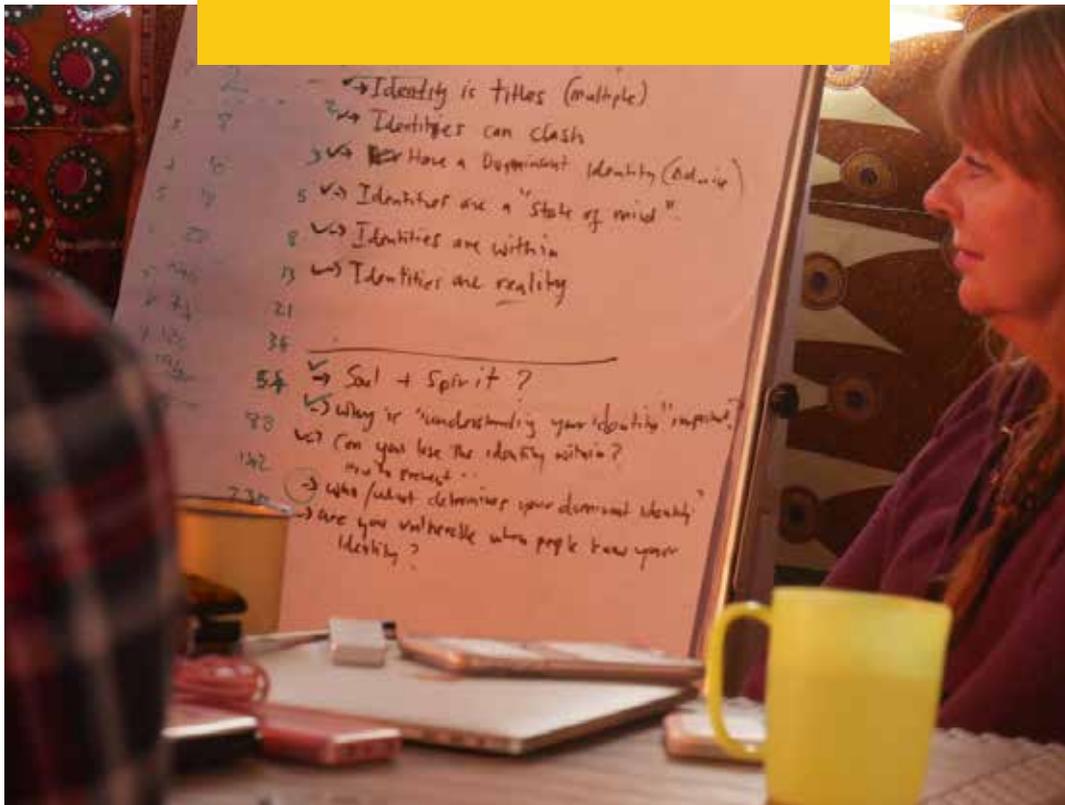
## PRINCE NGOMA: Class of 2018 Young Leaders Programme

Student at University of Zambia studying engineering



“I had always wanted to become a medical doctor, but after extensive research during my university application process with Our Moon, I learnt that the major problem my country faces in the health sector is the lack of technological advancement.”

“Success is the progressive realisation of a worthy goal or ideal.”  
Earl Nightingale

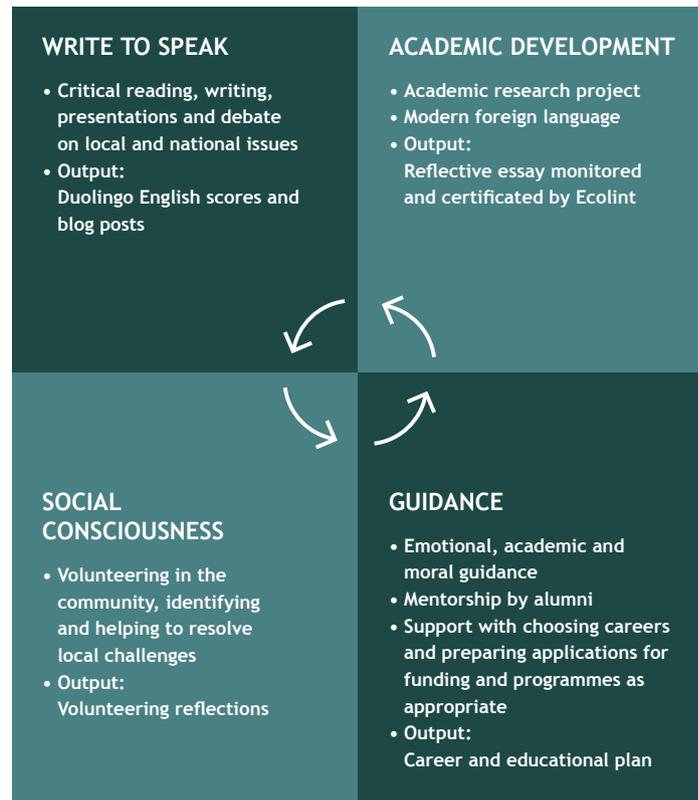


# Young Leaders Programme

Our Young Leaders programme is a residential course at our new learning centre in Chibombo. The objective is to provide an education for carefully selected students to prepare them academically, socially and emotionally for life beyond high school and get them to think about how they contribute to positive social change.

Our philosophy of education is established around four interrelated cornerstones:

## FOUR CORNERSTONES OF OUR MOON'S CURRICULUM



### CHRISTOPER KAUMBA: Class Of 2019

About to start at University of Edinburgh to study Economics and Maths.

“I always wanted to be a change-maker, but I didn’t have the know-how until I met Our Moon. Justin and Helen have given me the opportunity to be impactful in a way that, although yet small, is very meaningful to both the beneficiaries and me.”

“Know something about everything and know everything about something. Be versatile yet specialised.”  
Rev Dr Chris Oyakhilome

**THANDO LUNGU:  
Class of 2019  
Young Leaders**

Thando is about to join Smith College,  
USA

“Our Moon has helped me open doors  
that I never dreamed I would have the  
keys to.”

She lives by Princess Diana’s  
philosophical quote, “Wherever life  
plants you, bloom with grace.”



# Impact to date

The aim of Our Moon's work is to use the experience of education to allow its students to reach their potential and give back to their communities and contribute to positive change.

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Young Leaders

8

Ambassadors of  
Social Change

16,000+

Direct & indirect beneficiaries

£2 million

Value of scholarships unlocked

## University places include:

- Columbia University (USA)
- Swarthmore College (USA)
- Smith College (USA)
- University of Edinburgh (UK)
- University of British Columbia (Canada)
- Ashesi University College (Ghana)
- University of Zambia (Zambia)

# Founders’ Stories

Helen worked for PwC as a management consultant. Feeling disillusioned with corporate life, she became a trustee and volunteer for an education charity in the UK. She was invited by one of her Zambian students, Justin, to visit Zambia. He was keen for her to make a bigger impact as there is so much need in his country.

Together, they put on workshops with teachers and students. Her visit culminated with them putting together a programme that aimed to help bridge the gap in the education, skills and experiences required to get to good universities abroad. Justin studied in Canada. When he returned, he started volunteering for Our Moon in Zambia. He became the first paid employee.

Justin is passionate about giving Zambian youth the same educational opportunities as he has had. He develops their reading, writing, critical-thinking and problem-solving skills equipping them to find solutions to Zambia’s problems.



## **JUSTIN MUSHITU: Co-Founder & Executive Officer**

Justin manages our operations in Zambia, doing everything from looking after student programmes to project managing the building work.

“Our Moon’s work focuses on developing literate youth into educated members of society, creating independent thinkers out of the voiceless poor.”

“The fool says, in his heart, that there is no God.”  
Psalms 14:1

# Our Trustees

## VIC HANCOCK FELL Trustee

Vic runs a charity, Raising Futures, Kenya. She has a Master's in NGO Management from CASS Business School

“Our Moon gives young people the freedom of choice that I have been privileged to have in my life. Everyone deserves to complete their education and have the opportunity to give back to their community and country.”

“I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realised I was somebody.” Lily Tomlin

We currently have five trustees: Charles Coldman, Vic Hancock Fell, James Haughton, Alan Leale-Green and Helen Leale-Green. Together they bring a breadth and depth of experience to Our Moon, with experience from the financial services and charity sectors in charity management, fundraising, project and programmes management, education and accounting. We are in the process of selecting two new trustees to strengthen our operational support and provide connections to the charity.

## Our Volunteers, Mentors and Pro-Bono Support

Our Moon has many volunteers who help with tasks such as social media, writing grant applications, PR, and putting on fundraising events. We have a strong network of mentors taken from our alumni and from Helen's alumni from her previous role. They provide both application support and emotional support to our students. In addition, a number of organisations and individuals provide pro-bono support including Morgan Lewis & Bockius (legal), Chloe Day from Southworth & Co (accounting), Ecolint (education), Red&Grey (design) Alison Buck (counselling) and Penny and Nick Brooks (entrepreneurial education).

Without this support, our achievements would be minuscule. Helen and Justin would like to lead the trustees in thanking everyone for their very generous support.





## **THERESA NG'ANDU** Mentor

Theresa has recently graduated from Swarthmore College, USA in Economics with French. I have begun to view education differently - it's no longer just about going to school, but also being able to use one's skills and talents, as well as the academic knowledge obtained from school. "Anything can happen to anyone. It's best to be prepared." Arundhati Roy



## **NAMUKALE KALIWANDA MUBANGA**

Namukale is based in Zambia and has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the Copperbelt University. She is currently working for Zanaco and volunteers for Our Moon helping to develop relationships with government departments and corporates. She says: "Access to education creates opportunities that can transform the lives of young people and Zambia at large".

## **NTASUWILA NAMBAO** Staff: Assistant to Executive Officer

Ntasuwila has a degree in Agronomy from university in China. She is a fluent Mandarin speaker, loves working on the land and reading good literature. Ntasuwila says she is inspired by Our Moon because it "teaches young people not only to care about their education but also to consider the environment in which they live and how they can improve the lives of others". She is married to Justin and lives in Chibombo. Her favourite quote is: "In all chaos there is a cosmos; in all disorder, a secret order." Carl Jung



## **SANDRA MARTHA BATAKANA** Mentor

Sandra has recently graduated from Duke University where she majored in Chemistry and had a concentration in maths. She is currently working for Bank of America Merrill Lynch on the trading desk. "Our Moon to me means a holistic education opportunity for young Africans to create social impact." Her favourite quote is, "When you believe you achieve, and no dream is too big." Rehmah Kasule



## CHITUNDU LIMBIKANI, Class of 2019



Chitundu wants to study civil engineering. He will be taking a gap year. “Before Our Moon, writing had little to no value in my life. The extraordinary experience I have encountered with university application essays and the SATs has sparked my appreciation for writing. It’s captivating how authors change people’s lives through literature; this is something I plan to imitate.”

“A roaring lion kills no game”  
African proverb

## ALICE RADLEY Volunteer: Social media and grant applications



Alice is currently studying for a Master’s in Development in Latin America at King’s College, London. “One of the reasons I wanted to volunteer for Our Moon is its strong commitment to the power of education to open doors for young people.”

“Change your thoughts and you change your world” Norman Vincent Peale.



## TONY CHISENGA Class of 2017

Tony is studying Computer Science at Ashesi University, Ghana. Interned at Computers for Zambian Schools in Lusaka. “As an Our Moon scholar, I met new people who helped me to learn about the importance of accepting myself for the way I was. This made me become more self-confident. This was essential when going to a new university and meeting different kinds of people.”

“You can’t go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.” CS Lewis

## THOMAS LIFUTI Class of 2019

Thomas is taking a gap year before studying to expand his mind. “My Our Moon experience has taught me that it is not about how big a problem might seem, but about what significance my presence will have in finding its solution.”

“If my life is going to mean anything, I have to live it myself.” The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan



# Alumni & Internships

Just because a student completes their residential programme with us, doesn't mean that the relationship ends there. We stay in touch to support our students whether they return to their communities to set up Our Moon centres, go to university, or set up their own social enterprises. For some, we offer internships within Our Moon. For others, we help them obtain work experience within corporates to supplement their academic learning and career interests.

If they go to university, we are keen that students continue to consider how they will be using their education to contribute back to their home - their families, community and country. Therefore, we keep in touch both informally through phone calls, emails and texts, and formally through newsletters. We expect all our alumni to mentor current students and help them with their university applications. We also help them to find internships in Zambia and within Africa when they return home both during their long vacations and at the end of their degree programme. We are always available to give personal guidance.

This year, two of our alumni studying in the UK attended our AGM and were able to contribute to the discussion they raised on improving our mentorship programme.



## Where We Work

We work in a beautiful part of rural Zambia, in Central Province: Chipanshya Village in Chibombo District. All our students who have visited here say how conducive a place it is to study, free from the complications and confusions of the big cities.

Within Chibombo, we can see many of the challenges and struggles that people face all over Zambia: low quality education, children not in school, poor waste management, lack of agricultural diversity, deforestation, lack of understanding of female menstrual health, gender-based violence and, ultimately, poverty. Our students volunteer with people in the village to help them develop solutions.

## ZOE MEBUDE-STEVES: Class of 2019 Young Leaders Scholar

Zoe is about to study International Relations at University of Edinburgh

“It really does feel good to be part of an organisation where time is taken to talk to each of us frequently so as to make sure we are all right. I believe extra effort is taken to make sure we all feel equally important as sometimes we are given the chance to give ideas and contribute towards the future of Our Moon.”

“Do what you can, with what you have,  
where you are.”  
Theodore Roosevelt



# Building Plans

We are in the process of developing our residential learning site. This will comprise rooms for our students and staff, a multipurpose building called the David and Demi Mann Learning Forum which will house small and larger classrooms, a library and a computer centre, all located around a small amphitheatre where students will be able to make presentations, debate and have guest speakers. The site will also contain a kitchen and communal bathrooms.

The gardens will be developed and a tree will be planted by each student who stays there. They will be encouraged to nurture the tree. That way, we will ensure that the trees that have been cut down for charcoal and firewood are replenished and the grounds will look beautiful.

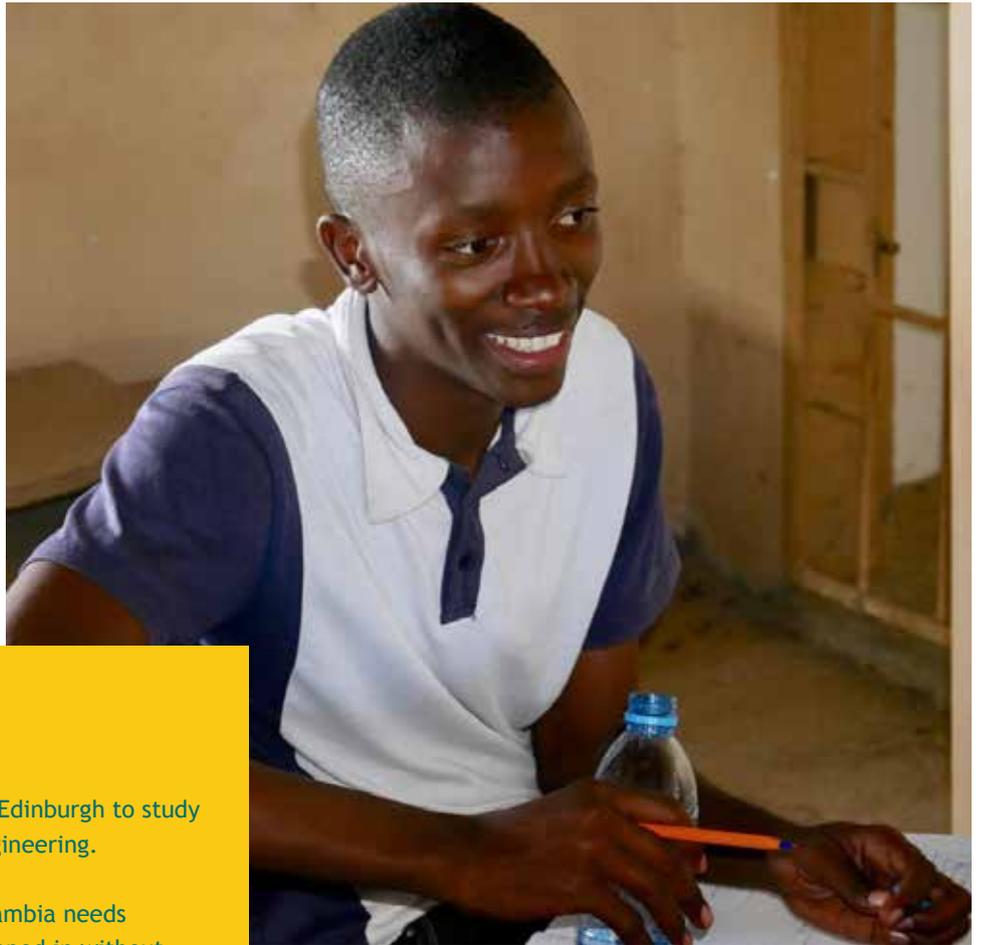


# Hali Access Network

Our Moon is a member of the HALI Access Network, an association of non-profit organisations in Africa that work with high-achieving, low-income (HALI) students to access international higher education opportunities. It strives to level the playing field in international education to increase inclusion, access and scholarship support for remarkable students who only lack finances to make their educational dreams come true. It believes in the power of education to change communities and in the impact its members' students have on college and university campuses.

Helen is the Chair of Communications Committee and sits on Exco. Every year in April, member organisations get together at a conference, the HALI Indaba. Since its inauguration three years ago, they have met in Zimbabwe, Rwanda, Kenya and, most recently, in Ghana. Indaba 2020 will take place in Tanzania.





## **JUSTINE BWALYA: Class of 2019**

Heading off to University of Edinburgh to study Electrical and Electronic Engineering.

“Our Moon saw how much Zambia needs educational support and stepped in without hesitation....This has been a wake up call to me: if ever there is something I don’t like about the world, I should step in and take action where I can.”

“The true meaning of life is to plant trees under whose shade you do not expect to sit “  
Nelson Henderson.

# How to Support Us

Your donations are very important to us. The easiest way to donate is to press the donate button on our website:  
[www.ourmoon.org.uk](http://www.ourmoon.org.uk)

You can also donate in the following ways:

## **DONATE BY CHEQUE:**

Please send a cheque payable to Our Moon Education to:  
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## **DONATE BY BANK TRANSFER:**

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There are many other ways you can support us. Please contact us by email at [helen.leale-green@ourmoon.org.uk](mailto:helen.leale-green@ourmoon.org.uk)

## **WATSON MUSHIMBEI** **Class of 2019**

Watson is studying engineering at Columbia University in New York.

“The personal experiences I’ve had within Our Moon have not only improved my academics, but also my social skills, ability to think, respect for others and sense of appreciation for the little that I have. My fellow students constantly inspire me to do the best I can in everything I do.”

“Behind every beautiful thing there’s some kind of pain” Bob Dylan





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## Educating Young Minds Creating Extraordinary Africans

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